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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Examiner Tran:

This communication accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the Final Office Action, dated April 21, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply expired on July 21, 2006. Therefore, with the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time, and the associated fee, Applicants believe this response is timely filed.

Applicants do not believe any further fees are due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit

Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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